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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3281

INFO USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 1848

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS ET

SUBJ: REDUCTION OF U.S. MILITARY ADVISERS

1. CHMAAG HAS RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM USCINCEUR INFORMING HIM OF AP RELEASE IN MARCH 25 STARS AND STRIPES CONCERNING PROPOSED REDUCTION OF MAAGS AROUND WORLD. ARTICLE STATES THAT PENTAGON IS MOVING TO CHANGE ROLE AND IMAGE OF U.S. ADVISERS AND TO REDUCE THEIR NUMBERS. DEPUTY DEFENSE SECRETARY DUNCAN QUOTED AS TELLING CONGRESS RECENTLY THAT THE "NEW ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE REDUCES, AND IN MANY CASES TOTALLY ELIMINATES, THE ADVISORY AND TRAINING ACTIVITY TRADITIONALLY ASSOCIATED WITH ADVISORY GROUPS."

2. ARTICLE GOES ON TO SPECIFY CUTS FOR SAUDI ARABIA AND THAILAND AND TO STATE THAT SMALLER CUTS ARE SCHEDULED INTER ALIA FOR ETHIOPIA. NOT CLEAR FROM ARTICLE WHETHER THIS INFO CAME OF DEPUTY SECRETARY DUNCAN'S TESTIMONY OR FROM OTHER SOURCE SUCH AS FY 1978 SECURITY ASSISTANCE CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION DOCUMENT (CPD), COPY OF WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED BY CHMAAG AND WHICH INCLUDES PROPOSED FIGURES FOR ETHIOPIA (STATE 67728).

3. AS DEPT AWARE, WE HAVE SOUGHT AUTHORIZATION TO TELL ETHIOPIANS THAT MAAG WILL BE CUT THIS FISCAL YEAR. WE

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THEREFORE REGRET THAT THEY STAND TO LEARN ABOUT IT BY OTHER MEANS . WE WOULD NONETHELESS APPRECIATE LEARNING ASAP WHAT HAS ACTUALLY BEEN SAID IN PUBLIC OR TO AP TOGETHER WITH INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT WHAT WE MAY NOW TELL ETHIOPIANS.

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